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In re the Application of:

Hideo Akiyoshi

Serial No. 10/056,072

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Confirmation No. 3156

Filed: January 28, 2002

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: LATCH CIRCUIT HAVING REDUCED

PETITION FOR FILING DATE AND REQUEST FOR REFUND

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application, copy enclosed, mailed February 15, 2002. Applicants respectfully note that 8 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-9) were enclosed with the application as shown by a copy of the enclosed postcard which was stamped as received on January 28, 2002 and returned with the barcode shown on the second postcard.

The Commissioner's attention is brought to the second line where it is explicitly noted that 8 sheets of drawings, FIGS. 1-9 were enclosed with the application. In addition, applicants note that the copy of the application made just prior to submission includes the drawings, though it is noted that the drawings are located after the copy of Declaration/Power of Attorney from the prior application No. 09/610,982. A copy of the application papers as filed on January 28, 2002 are attached.

In addition, applicants respectfully point out that this as noted in paragraph 1 of the application, this application is based upon and claims the priority of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/610,982 filed July 6, 2000, the contents being incorporated by reference. Applicants therefore note that even though the drawings were included with the original submission, if the drawings were missing, the parent case could be referenced to include the drawings.

→ Further, should all of the above be not persuasive, a copy of the drawings has been included with this petition. Applicants thereby respectfully request that the enclosed drawings be included in the application and the earliest filing date be awarded.

Further, applications respectfully request refund of the petition fee, as the drawings were included with the original submission.

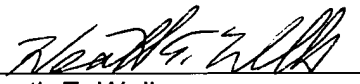
By this Petition, the undersigned attorney for applicants request that the previously set period for reply be reset to run from the date of receipt of the Office Action of .

If any fees are required in connection with the filing of this Petition, please charge same to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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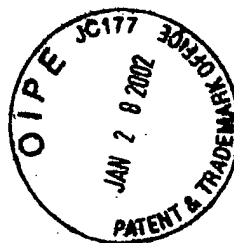
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Please be advised that the Petition must be acted on and granted before any refund will be done.

Sincerely,

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